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The town of Marlinton can now begin to put on a few airs and take her place with the rest of the famous cities of the world. A bran new, all steel, highly polished, upholstered palace Pullman car has been named "The Marlinton" in honor of our home town. The euphonious name of Marlinton is not shared with any other postoffice. We are much obliged to the Pullman Company for remembering the best town in the world, and if they will allow us we will show our appreciation by breaking a few bottles of seltzer water over her bows (apertently speaking) and by presenting her with a gilded cuspidor or a hand painted step ladder. We had what we consider a curious experience in verifying the report that there was such a car. A friend of told us that he had seen it stated in the papers, but then you know there are friends and friends. Some you take what they say and others you hear and investigate. We were just on the eve of venturing forth from the county, it being ground hog day, and having a week before agreed to go on the reservation that day, from Ronoveverte. Sixty miles is the closest that the pullmans run to Marlinton. The lower berth was there for me, though many influential men with money in their pockets were sleeping on the spar decks. The incorruptible pullman conductor is worthy of a place of high honor and trust. He had guarded that lower berth all the way from Cincinnati for a poor tired laboring man to get a night's sleep.

There is no joy for any heavy footed man to stand poised on his shoulder blades and disrobe on the shelf, sometimes called an upper berth, with the train swaying from side to side. But when you lay yourself down to sleep in the lower part of the compartment, the trials of a railroad journey are about overcome, and in the dream of the night you are wafted away, to the home of the oyster on Chesapeake Bay.

When we had been properly inducted into office of Holder of a Lower Berth, we made inquiries about the car that was called Marlinton, being somewhat skeptical about it. Various persons remembered in a vague sort of way that there might be such a car but nothing definite was learned that night about it.

The day we came home, we went to the C. & O. office on F Street, and a bright eyed young man on his initiative knew that we were from Ronoveverte. He knew from memory or from our tribal peculiarities that we belonged to the bunch that left them at Ronoveverte. This young fellow will rise high in the service. We asked him about that phantom car called Marlinton, and he had no definite knowledge of the particular event and in his polite way, conveyed an impression to us that there were a good many pullman cars, each bearing a different name, and that the names of cars did not form part of the business education of an earnest young man. In the sweetest possible way he also conveyed to our intelligence that a two cent postage stamp properly expended would bring the desired information.

That night at 11:10 the long "Yellow Dog" train from New York pulled into the station at Washington and we were too tired to bother about names of cars. We had gone to Washington hunting a better town, and decided we liked Marlinton better and were hiking back home three days ahead of time. The familiar face of a colored angel who has often guarded our slumbers looked at the ticket and made us welcome, calling us by name and that's another rock in a weary land. All about us were souls sleeping audibly and no doubt we joined that mighty chorus. And lo it was day and the beloved mountains looked down upon us. And we said our little piece which we have for just such occasions:

"Ye crags and peaks, I am with you once again! I hold to you the arms you first beheld!

methinks I hear your echoes answer me, And bid your son a welcome home again!"

Having finished our devotions, we went out to get a bite to eat in the dining car, and on returning, studying the names of the cars, we came to our berth-place, and in letters of gold, was the name Marlinton. And there was no G in it.

Two men were knocking at the door of the United States Senate. One was taken and the other left. Lee of Maryland was the choice of the voters of Maryland under an election called for the purpose of electing a senator by popular vote. Objection was raised to the manner of holding the election but he was seated by a substantial vote. Then came Glass of Alabama, a democrat of purest ray serene, who had been appointed by the governor to fill a vacancy. The objection had been made to Lee who had been voted upon. In spite of the fact that to hold that a senatorship cannot be filled by an appointee until an election can be held, may create a precedent which may be troublesome hereafter, in some crisis, Glass was defeated by a vote of 32 to 31. We are sorry that he was not made welcome. They might have followed the rule of the church parliamentary bodies and made him a fraternal delegate. To have given Alabama her full representation seems to us a better plan than to deprive her of her quota of senators upon a rigid construction of the law. Certainly when all but half of the senators voted to seat him, a situation is raised that gives him the benefit of the doubt, and when there is any substantial doubt as to the regularity of a legal proceeding the better rule is to uphold it. Senator Chilton voted for Glass. Like all persons who are rich in synonyms and parts of speech, having a large assortment to use in the upbuilding of sentences, the Senator occasionally indulges in the gentle art of poetry. We tried to quote him once before and got into trouble and we may not be exact in this but it sounded like:

"The Constitution was our Rock When we defended Lee; But now the Rock has turned to Glass—

Yet he's our nominee."

There is a hidden meaning in that last line which probably did not get home to those who were not familiar with ancient West Virginia history. In the days of the Goff and Fleming contest, the legislature passed on the result of the election. Goff had been declared elected Governor upon the face of the returns by a handful votes and Fleming contested and upon a calm and impartial review of the proceedings by the legislature, Fleming was found to have received the most votes and he served his full term of four years. It was during the many debates and discussions that a good old farmer delegate expressed himself concerning the merits of the case which he was sitting on. He said, "I don't see what all this talk is about 'nnot seeing Fleming. Ain't he our nominee?"

We are sorry to see Glass defeated by an explosion which certainly occurred on the outside of Alabama and not on the inside of that devoted state. Senator Bank head, the noblest Roman of them all, fought hard to have the rights of his brother Alabamian recognized, but he was unable to get quite enough senators to see it his way. In the long lean years of democratic distress, Alabama kept two good men on guard, but now with the democrats in power, she is denied two places at the board. It looks like some of those regenerated senators are getting so straight that they lean backwards.

The lifting of the embargo for the Mexicans, marks an important point in the war in Mexico. President Taft proclaimed it on the theory that the rebels were mere bandits and not entitled to any international rights. England faced such a problem when it recognized the Southern Confederacy. There is another and a darker phase of that war which seems to be resulting badly Huerta executed prisoners on the theory that they were bandits and not entitled to be treated as prisoners of war. Now he finds himself subject to the law of retaliation. This situation was in a measure duplicated in the Mosby campaigns.

They are trying to make John D. Rockefeller pay about nineteen million dollars in taxes. This is figured on a wealth of nine hundred millions. It seem that he has the habits of a migratory bird and cannot be found at one place long enough to gain the privilege of paying personal taxes but by unexpected delay he tarried long enough in Cleveland to be caught. As the actor said, "Nineteen millions of dollars—some sum, eh?"

There is a young fellow by the name of Herbert Saunders of Wyoming county who wanted to be marshall for the southern district and who is not hiding his grief at his failure to be appointed. In fact he is raising particular thunder about it. He is beefing to beat the band. He does not specify how he came to stake out this claim so securely that it might not be jumped. He will just have to learn that it is not what we want in this world which counts but what we get.

Valentine comes from galantin, a lover, a gallant. The same connection exists between the words gallant and valiant. St. Valentine was selected as the patron saint of sweethearts because of his name.

A man of the name of John J. McDeavitt of Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania is the editor of the Scrap Book, a paper so called because the editor has a scrap every time it comes out, like the old time Republican News. McDeavitt is the millionaire for a day. He spent \$2500.00 in one day a few years ago on a trip on a special train to New York and since then he is good for almost any amount of copy. Last week he blew in \$3000.00 in one day on a trip to Washington, but as moving picture men watched over him every foot of the way, there is a pretty shrewd guess that it was a moving picture stunt that caused this journey. He brought with him a life sized bronze statue of himself to offer to the national government to be put in the hall of fame. We see it solemnly retained in a Washington paper that the statue was not accepted. McDeavitt made a number of speeches and was followed by a large crowd of persons so that the moving pictures were greatly interfered with. He was preceded by the Marine Band. McDeavitt went back home in the day coach. He had come by special train. His statue was in the express car. About a thousand dollars is perhaps the true estimate of his expenses. His exploit caused the city newspapers to give it the first place in many matters. Small matters like the rapping of the embargo on arms for the Mexican rebels crowded to one side. We do not know whether McDeavitt is in pocket or out of pocket, but we do know that many a man has spent a thousand dollars on a trip to the city without getting his name in the papers. That is, his true name.

The house of representatives responded nobly to the request of the President that further embarrassment be saved the country and defeated the legislation as to the exclusion of Asiatics as proposed by Congressman Hayes, of California. By this amendment Hayes sought to exclude Hindu, Mongolian, Malay and negro laborers. Hayes is a republican. Mann the republican leader said dealing with foreign nations was a delicate task and that he did not want to invite war with any nation, and that we owe an allegiance to our country before our party. In 1881, the Senate was discussing the Chinese treaty. Senator Hoar was against the exclusion act and was arguing in favor of the admission of the Chinese. Hoar was a great Bible scholar and frequently drew upon it for illustration. He quoted from St. Paul, "For God hath made of one blood all the nations of the earth." Senator Miller, of California, exclaimed, "Go on—quote the remainder of the sentence." "There is no more of it," said Hoar. But Miller quoted to the words given above, and both fixed the bounds of their habitation."

The Fayette Journal accuses the democrats of proselyting among the progressives. It looks to us that the old time republicans are the ones that are getting tired of the fantastic tricks of the old worn out leaders, in trying to resurrect the dead.

We are about to pass upon the question of a production tax in West Virginia in an effort to make up for the deficit caused by lack of saloon licenses which brought in many hundred thousand dollars. The kind of property mentioned so far is confined to coal, oil and gas, but we take it that no sooner will the matter come up that some enterprising spirit will naturally add lumber. We are not prepared to endorse any such tax with the light that we have now. Our business enterprises have to compete with like adventures in other states, and in all of them the amount of expenses and fixed charges that have to be taken care of before there is any money for the operator is enormous. It takes the finest kind of judgment, the most economical management, and the boldest nerve for any man or set of men to undertake to set up a big business and make it pay. Such a tax would result in many cases in turning the scale against West Virginia in many a projected enterprise. As we understand it is a production tax that has to be paid whether the year's business shows loss or gain. It would be much better to tax directly and let it be paid upon a valuation of property as contemplated by our constitution than to put a production tax in force prior to adjoining states. The Pennsylvania anthracite tax is not in point for that state has a monopoly of the anthracite deposits and can safely count upon the consumer paying. On the strength of a two and one half cents a ton tax, by the way, the consumer found that coal advanced twenty-five cents a ton. We would suggest an inheritance tax modeled on the one we have now, only for a larger percentage, as that kind of tax falls equally upon all property sooner or later and it is an easy tax to pay as it comes out of the savings of those who have gone on, and as it simply decreases the amount of property inherited by virtue of law, it does not disarrange or embarrass any man in his business affairs. We hear alarming rumors as to the scarcity of money in sight for the needs of the State government. It must be pretty serious when so many good men are willing to risk a special session of the legislature in hope of relief. Desperate situations require desperate remedies.

It is related that while the legislative prisoners were confined in the Webster county jail along with other malefactors that they were visited by a member of the legislature. He found them in a large cell with a man who was under conviction for murder and they all seemed to be glad to see their visitor. Old Doctor Asbury straddled a chair and looked intently at his friend and said: "Your legislative experience, as yet, has not resulted as disastrously as ours." These notable prisoners were closely kept by the Webster county authorities and though they were allowed to go upon long walks for exercise they were closely guarded all the time.

Life says that when a young lady eloped dressed as a man that the headlines had it: "Flees in her father's pants."

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